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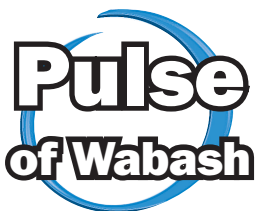
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## NMPL holding fifth annual Fine Forgiveness Week

The North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will be "celebrating the new year and new beginnings" by forgiving library fines on overdue materials. The NMPL's fifth annual Fine Forgiveness Week will last through Saturday, Jan. 8. If patrons have overdue library materials, they may bring them to the library during Fine Forgiveness Week and all fines for returned items will be forgiven. For more information, visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

## 'Bite in the 85' dining program to launch

Visit Wabash County has announced the launch of a new program coming to Wabash County called "Bite in the 85," which will take place from Monday, Jan. 10 through Monday, Jan. 31. For three weeks, the participating restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their specials and deals to the public, including 50 East Garden Center and Café, 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eugenia's Restaurant, Harry's Old Kettle Pub & Grill, Market Street Grill, Modoc's Market, Pizza King and Twenty. The public will have the opportunity to win gift cards to the participating restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all "Bite in the 85" menus at the participating restaurants. For more information, visit [VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85](http://VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85).

## Board of Health to hold quarterly meeting

The Wabash County Board of Health will hold

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# At-large suspect in murder of Illinois police officer turns self in

Two additional suspects arrested in Rochester appeared in court this week

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A previously at-large suspect in the murder of one Illinois police officer and the wounding of another has turned themselves in to

authorities.

At around 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Xandria A. Harris, 26, of Bradley, Illinois, accompanied by her attorney, turned herself in at the Bradley Police Department and was taken into custody by the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 Investigators, according to the Illinois State Police.

"The (Illinois State Police) would like to extend



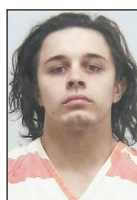
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our appreciation to all the assisting agencies including, but not limited to the United States Marshall's Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force, Bradley Police De-

partment, Kankakee County Sheriff's Department, Kankakee City Police Department, Indiana State Police and numerous other municipal and county agen-

cies in Illinois and Indiana, who assisted in apprehending Darius D. Sullivan and Xandria A. Harris," stated the Illinois State Police.

Harris will remain in custody and will be held at the Jerome D. Combs Adult Detention Facility in Kankakee, Illinois. Arrangements are being made for Sullivan to be extradited from Indiana to Kankakee

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# Hundreds to compete at Manchester University in Science Olympiad



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There will be more than 30 events and competitions, with activities that include solving forensic cases, codebreaking and constructing machines such as ping-pong parachutes and musical instruments.

Invitation will bring about 400 students to the campus

By ANNE GREGORY

The annual Manchester University Science Olympiad Invitational will draw hundreds of middle and high school students.

At the Jan. 22 invitational, 15 high school teams and five middle school teams will bring about 400 students to the North Manchester campus.

There will be more than 30 events and competitions, with activities that include

solving forensic cases, codebreaking and constructing machines such as ping-pong parachutes and musical instruments.

"It's a privilege to coordinate this event for so many enthusiastic science students, their families, and their coaches," said associate professor Kathy Davis, who teaches chemistry at the University. She has been a part of the Manchester Science Olympiad Invitational since 2011.

The Science Olympiad encourages students to learn in different ways. It also exposes them to Manchester's close-knit community

where faculty inspire students to develop their curiosity.

Dozens of Manchester faculty, students and staff donate their time writing events, running events and assisting visiting students during their day on campus.

Manchester University's invitational is one of five invitationals in the state this year. Invitational tournaments are a stepping-stone for regional competitions, where the top teams compete for a spot in the 2022 Science Olympiad State Tournament.

Science Olympiad is a

national organization that has provided premier competition opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) events for more than 30 years. For more information, visit [www.soinc.org](http://www.soinc.org).

## Middle School B Teams

■ Harshman Middle School	
■ Manchester Junior-Senior High School	
■ Northridge Middle School (two teams)	
■ Winamac Middle School	

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# Local COVID-19 advisory level lowered from red to orange

ISDH announces 131st local virus death on Thursday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After nearly two months of being listed in the COVID-19 county metrics by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) in the red, the highest category, Wabash County was officially moved to orange, the second-highest category, during their weekly update on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

But, even with this news, many other parts of the state are still in the red.

In addition, the ISDH reported one additional local COVID-19 death on Thursday, Jan. 6, bringing Wabash County's total to 131.

On Thursday, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they adjusted their masking policy due to the change in metrics.

Hann said the NMPL will resume recommending the use of properly worn face masks while in the library. Masks will still be required for any in-person programming.

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# Primary election season begins as candidates start filing

The deadline to submit paperwork for May 3 primary is Feb. 4

By ROB BURGESS  
and BRETT STOVER

Both locally and statewide, candidates for the upcoming primary election began turning in their paperwork this week.

"It's election time again," said Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper, on Wednesday, Jan. 5, the first day of filing. "I am going to update the candidate list on the clerk's page of the Wabash County website a couple of times a day. I am putting the date of filing by the candidates' name."

The filing period runs through noon Friday, Feb. 4. The primary election will be held May 3 and the general



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Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, right, poses with Indiana Secretary of State Holli Sullivan, left, after officially filing for re-election this week.

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The event will feature "a fun, fabulous and very entertaining" dessert auction by Chad Metzger, from Metzger Auction Services.

# Wabash Tri-Kappa to hold annual Winter Gala

Charity event set for Saturday, Feb. 5 at Heartland REMC

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed Wabash Tri-Kappa's annual Winter

Gala fundraiser from February to April, but organizer Bev Vanderpool said that didn't dampen their spirits.

"It was our biggest fundraiser ever," said Vanderpool, on Friday.

Now, the group is looking to help attendees "chase the

See WINTER GALA, page A6



# Faith Macy, of Lagro, receives University of Evansville Dean’s List honors

Faith Macy, of Lagro, was recently named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2021 semester at the University of Evansville, according to a press release.

Macy is studying nursing. A total of over 630 students were named to the University of Evansville’s Dean’s List.

To merit this honor, a student must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

# Magdalen France, of Wabash, named to St. Mary’s College Dean’s List

Magdalen France, of Wabash, was recently named to the Saint Mary’s College Dean’s List for the 2021 fall semester, according to

a press release. To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary’s, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA)

of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes and no grades lower than a C.

## VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

### Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

### Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

### College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

### Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

### Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 9 service at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday morning services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, “A Healthy Church Gives,” from Romans, chapter 12, as part of the January sermon theme of “Healthcare for the Church.” The Communion Table will be served by Bill Miller and Chuck Marion. There will be a Children’s Church for the 10:30 a.m. service to be conducted by Holli Good and Brooke Swope. A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, Jan. 9.

### LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

### LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

### Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service.

The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email [pastorjohn1954@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn1954@gmail.com) or call 260-563-1406.

### Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

### Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

### North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

### North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

### Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

### Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

### Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

### Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service

schedule.

### Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

### Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

### Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

### Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

### Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Wabash First Church of God






The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on Sunday at 11 a.m. on 105.9 FM.

### Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.





*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 39 / 29	 <b>Sunday</b> Showers Likely 40 / 15	 <b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy 24 / 10	 <b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 26 / 18	 <b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 42 / 29
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 5:36 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:03 a.m.

 First 1/9	 Full 1/17	 Last 1/25	 New 2/1
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 39°, humidity of 45%. South southeast wind 9 to 16 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of showers, overnight low of 29°. South wind 7 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 28°.

# RNA says Jan. 6 riot was the year’s top religion event

For journalists who braved the chaos, the Jan. 6 riot on Capitol Hill offered a buffet of the bizarre – a throng of Proud Boys, QAnon prophets, former U.S. military personnel and radicalized Donald Trump supporters that crashed through security lines and, thus, into history.

Many protesters at the legal Save America rally carried signs, flags and banners with slogans such as “Jesus is my Savior, Trump is my president” or simply “Jesus 2020.” In this context, “Jesus saves” took on a whole new meaning.

Some of that symbolism was swept into the illegal attack on the U.S. Capitol.

In its poll addressing major religion events in 2021, members of the Religion News Association (RNA) offered this description of the top story: “Religion features prominently during the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol by pro-Trump insurrectionists. Some voice Christian prayers, while others display Christian or pagan symbols and slogans inside and outside the Capitol.”

Consider, for example, Jacob Anthony Chansley – or Jake “Yellowstone Wolf” Angeli. With his coyote skin and buffalo horns head-dress; red, white and blue face paint; and Norse torso tattoos, the self-proclaimed QAnon shaman, UFO expert and metaphysical healer became the instant superstar of this mash-up of politics, religion and digital conspiracy theories.

“Thank you, Heavenly Father ... for this opportunity to stand up for our God-given inalienable rights,” he said in a video of his U.S. Senate remarks from the vice president’s chair. “Thank you, divine, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent Creator God for filling this chamber with your white light and love. Thank you for filling this chamber with patriots that love you and that love Christ. ...

### Terry Mattingly



“Thank you for allowing the United States of America to be reborn. Thank you for allowing us to get rid of the communists,

the globalists and the traitors within our government.”

That was one loud voice. A big question that must be answered, in future trials and the U.S. House investigation, is whether it’s true – as claimed by The New York Times – that the “most extreme corners of support for Mr. Trump have become inextricable from some parts of white evangelical power in America.” For that to be true, investigators will need to find links between the illegal Jan. 6 attack and evangelicals in major denominations, megachurches, publishers and parachurch groups, as well as seminaries, colleges and universities.

Here is the rest of the 2021 RNA Top 10 list:

(2) In Afghanistan, Taliban forces reimpose strict Islamic rule after U.S. troops withdraw. Many refugees flee in airlift, while thousands are left behind amid fears for religious minorities, women and other dissenters. This was my choice for the year’s top story.

(3) U.S. Supreme Court considers Mississippi case seeking to overturn Roe v. Wade and America’s current abortion rights legal culture. A decision is expected early next summer.

(4) Thousands of government and private sector employees seek religious exemptions from COVID-19 vaccine mandates, raising tough religious liberty questions. The vast majority of religious leaders support vaccines, but many question government mandates.

(5) Joe Biden becomes America’s second Catholic president, stirring controversy with his public displays

of faith – mixed with words and deeds supporting abortion rights, same-sex marriage and evolving forms of gender theory. U.S. bishops ponder how to defend church teachings on Holy Communion. RNA members select Biden as Newsmaker of the Year.

(6) Gallup reports that membership in U.S. faith groups has dropped below 50 percent for the first time in the eight decades the organization has studied this issue. Only 47 percent of Americans say they belong to a church, synagogue or mosque in 2020.

(7) The coronavirus pandemic continues to affect religious life, with in-person worship attendance levels remaining short of pre-2020 levels. A Barna Research study notes that nearly 40 percent of Christian clergy seriously considered quitting, with burnout highest in liberal Protestant denominations.

(8) Investigators in Canada find hundreds of unmarked graves at former residential schools for Indigenous children, focusing criticism on church groups in North America that operated such schools. Several Canadian churches are burned or vandalized.

(9) Popular Bible teacher Beth Moore cuts ties to Southern Baptist Convention’s publishing arm, dismayed by what she calls the “sexism” and “misogyny” in the SBC, including widespread support for Trump despite his boasts about sexual exploits with women.

(10) While shaken by resignations and leaked emails, Southern Baptists reject a rightward push at their annual convention and approve a probe of its Executive Committee’s handling of sexual abuse accusations.

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# Eastern Indiana man charged after admitting he poisoned wife

RICHMOND (AP) — An eastern Indiana man faces a preliminary charge of conspiracy to commit murder after admitting to poisoning his wife, authorities said.

Alfred Ruf, 69, of Franklin Township in Wayne County is being held in the Wayne County Jail after being ar-


rested Monday, the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office said. His initial hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

His wife, Lisa Bishop, 51, told authorities that she was being poisoned by Ruf.

Wayne County Sheriff Randy Retter said in a news release that Ruf told inves-

tigators he gave Bishop a substance knowing it would eventually kill her. Samples of the substance were collected and are being examined.

Bishop was hospitalized several times last year and Retter said it was related to the alleged poisoning.



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# Obituaries

## Eloise ‘Betty’ France

Oct. 14, 1934 – Jan. 3, 2022

Eloise “Betty” France, 87, of Peru passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

She was born Oct. 14, 1934 in Washington D.C. to Mabel and Arthur Edmond.

Betty was employed at and retired from Kmart in Wabash, Indiana as the Personnel Director. She started her career as the very first employee hired in 1975 and retired after their closing in 2003. She loved planting and tending to the flowers at her home. She also enjoyed collecting Thomas Kinkadee pieces and reading the latest Danielle Steel novel. Betty loved cooking and could often be found making dinner for visiting family and friends. She was well known for the homemade tins of cookies she baked every Christmas season which included her infamous marble squares.

She is survived by her brother, William Edmond of Maryland; children, Howard (Gail) France Jr. of Peru, Indiana, Cindy Scott of Warsaw, Indiana, Lorean Plasterer of Shawnee, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Lee (Jaci) France and children of Macy, Indiana, Joshua Rish and children of Oklahoma, Nicole Harness (Josh) and child of Peru, Indiana, Betsy Paseka and child of Warsaw, Indiana, Nicholas Scott (Taylor) and children of Warsaw, Indiana, and several great great



grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Carl and Robert Edmond, two sisters, Margaret Hart and Marilyn, former spouse Howard France Sr., and two grandsons.

Visitation will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd St. Peru Indiana on Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Funeral service will follow with Senior Pastor Tom Robbins and Assistant Pastors Vince Darland and Bryan Rouch officiating. Burial will take place at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Miami County Helping Hands, Peru, Indiana.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com).

## Kimberly Dawn Winters

April 28, 1960 – Jan. 5, 2022

Kimberly Dawn Winters, 61, of North Manchester, Indiana, died at 7:59 pm, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born on April 28, 1960, in Chicago, Illinois, to Bill and Betty (Burdick) Gatwood.

Kim married Roger N. Winters in Hanover Park, Illinois on June 10, 1978. She was a homemaker. Kim enjoyed drawing, art, interior design, and watching movies.

She was sassy, spunky, quick to make a smart aleck reply. Her heart was as big as a room. She had a loud laugh which she used often. She loved animals, dogs and cats in particular. At one point, she rescued five dogs from the pound because she just couldn't decide who to leave behind, so she brought them all home.

She is survived by her



husband, Roger N. Winters; and son, Will Winters, both of North Manchester, two sisters, Lori Gatwood and Melinda (Chris) Flaxman, both of Phoenix, Arizona, and her half brother, Chris Gatwood. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Nicholas Winters, and her brother, Bill Gatwood.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main St., North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call 1-2 pm Monday, at the funeral home. There will be a carry-in luncheon at the Roann Community Building on Monday following the service.

The memorial guest book for Kimberly may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Shiloh L. Bolen

Shiloh L. Bolen, infant daughter of Brady and Katie Bolen was called home to be with Jesus on January 1, 2022.

Private graveside services will be at Falls Cemetery in Wabash, Indiana with Pastor Kirk Johnson officiating.

Eloise Arnold, 89, of Auburn, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at Garrett Miller's Merry Manor, in Garrett, Indiana. Eloise was born in Monmouth, Indiana on June 30, 1932, the daughter of the late Heber L. and D. Mildred (Smitley) Feasel. On June 5, 1955, she married Bill L. Arnold, he preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 2019.

She was a member of the Wabash Friends Church and attended First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Eloise was a registered nurse for 30 years, last employed at MSD of Wabash Co.

She is survived by her children, Melissa (John) McLaughlin of Auburn, Michael (Deb) Arnold of Wolcottville, Anne (Jeff) Passwater of Franklin, Rebecca (Randy) Krueckeberg of Decatur, Mark (Michael George) Arnold of Seattle, WA; 6 grandchildren, Austin (Haley) Arnold, Zachary (Corinne) Arnold, Emily (Joshua) Carroll, Megan (Zach) Braun, Gabriella and Ethan “Ryder” Arnold-George; 7 great grandchildren, Isla, Asher, Eloise, Brooklyn, Piper, Olivia and Laurn.

Eloise was preceded in death by three brothers, Leo, Hubert and Billie Joe Feasel



Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at Haggard-Sefton-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home, Decatur.

Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 at Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, with calling 1 hour prior to service from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Rev. Nikki Brown Rice will be officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Dale Church Cemetery.

Preferred memorials can be given to Wabash Friends Church or First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Arrangements were handled by Haggard-Sefton-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home.

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## Thumbnail

Dear Dad,  
We Love You,  
Even though the end wasn't dreamy,  
we love you  
with all our hearts!  
You were the highlight in a lot of people's eyes  
in "Your Day".  
Love,  
Tadd, Terry, and All of



Eadsville U.S.A.

The family gathered in remembrance on January 7th, 2022

All thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Norma Jean O'Dell

Aug. 15, 1925 – Dec. 23, 2021

Norma Jean O'Dell, 96, passed away Dec. 23, 2021 in Summerfield, FL. She was born Aug. 15, 1925 in Wabash, Indiana to James Boardman and Pauline Niccum. She was a homemaker, mother and wife.

She is preceded by her husband, Howard Ray

O'Dell and son, James Michael O'Dell.

She is survived by her son, William Lee O'Dell (Norma)

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Norma Jean O'Dell, please visit our floral store.

## Richard ‘Rick’ Hahn

Richard “Rick” Hahn, 64, of Wabash, died at 4pm on Jan. 5, 2022, at his home.

Per Rick's wishes there will be no services.

McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash,

Indiana, 46992, have been trusted with Richard Hahn's final arrangements.

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# A challenge for the new year

‘Be my Mommy!’ the banner in the CVS window read, part of a display of surplus Baby Emma dolls. It was the fifth day of Christmas, and

I noticed during Mass – shortly before I went to the drugstore to pick up prescriptions – that one of the petitions during the service

was for those struggling to have a happy, peaceful Christmas. We prayed for the sick, the grieving, the lonely. We didn't pray for the orphans, though, I thought during Mass. I did, in my heart, but seeing the Baby Emma display reminded me to do so again.

Over a number of Christmas days, as it happened, I was in semi-quarantine (having been exposed to COVID, but testing negative) and then on account of food poisoning. It was not what I had planned, and I wasn't entirely happy about it (particularly the second). But I'm grateful, because it got me thinking in a deeper way about people who are in a graver and more long-term isolation – in particular the anguish of a child in foster care who doesn't have warm memories of love, security and joy, bereft of the comforts of family.

Children wind up in foster care for many reasons, but it's often these days on account of parental opioid abuse. When you can't care for yourself, you can't care for another.

My friend Darcy Olsen, who runs Gen Justice, a foster-care and adoption advocacy group in Phoenix – and is an adoptive mother from foster care herself – believes that a mother's meth addiction should be an automatic reason for termination of parental rights. This belief comes from her experience with a baby who had been in her care, but was taken away and given back to a mother who struggled with meth. The child died in his biological mother's care. That mother couldn't care for herself, never mind that precious child.

If you even quickly scan recent foster-care headlines, you read about children being put in hotels in Texas and Oregon, and for long periods of time. These children tend

to have mental disabilities or severe trauma in their backgrounds. One Texas report found that children placed in hotels “may be exposed to sexual abuse, given incorrect or improper medications, engage in self harm, physically fight with other children and staff, or run away.” Many are teens who have spent time in psychiatric care. None of this needs to happen.

Alison Blanchet is a foster and adoptive mother, with her husband, Jim, in Panama City, Florida. While she and Jim were dating, they went on a mission trip to Nicaragua and saw how an orphanage there provided needed services and care to children. So, they wanted to help build something similar, if on a more personal scale, at home. I know that makes them sound extraordinary – and they are – but we can all be so. Again, the message of Christmas is about our poverty and God's grace. That's how the Blanchets do it.

There are more than 400,000 children in foster care in the United States today. Yes, caring for often troubled children is emotional work. Yes, you will get attached and may have to say goodbye. Yes, it's messy. But all of that is true of biological parenthood as well. “Love is love” is not an ideology or a bumper sticker, but a selfless sacrifice.

Every life changes the world – simply by touching the lives of others. Rewatch “It's a Wonderful Life” if you need some inspiration on that front. And pick up a copy of Naomi Schaefer Riley's recent book “No Way to Treat a Child” for a challenge and inspiration.

What more are you and I going to do for children in foster care this coming year? Everyone has a role – supporting families who do step up to the plate, for one. “Too many children are alone, because we don't think we have what it takes,” Blanchet says.

They don't have to be alone. We do have what it takes.

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## SUSPECTS

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County at this time.

“In a multi-jurisdictional effort, two alleged cop killers have been taken into custody today and will now face justice,” said Illinois State Police director Brendan F. Kelly. “The Law Enforcement family and the community lost a devoted officer, and another continues to fight for his life. The Illinois State Police will continue to offer our prayers and support to the Bradley Police Department during this difficult time.”

Sullivan was arrested early Friday, Dec. 31 at a residence in North Manchester.

The Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 is investigating a shooting involving officers from the Bradley Police Department in Bradley, Illinois, according to the Illinois State Police.

At around 12:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 was requested to investigate the shooting of two Bradley Police Department police officers. Preliminary reports indicate that BPD officers re-

sponded to a hotel in the 1500 block of North State Highway 50 for a noise complaint. While investigating the incident, BPD officers initiated a conversation with subjects inside of the hotel, according to the Illinois State Police. During the interaction, Sgt. Marlene R. Rittmanic, 49, and Officer Tyler J. Bailey, 27, were fired upon. Rittmanic and Bailey sustained serious injuries after being struck by gunfire and were transported to area hospitals for treatment. Rittmanic later succumbed to her injuries. Bailey remains in critical condition at the hospital.

ISP Zone 3 Agents obtained Kankakee County arrest warrants for Sullivan and Harris concerning this incident.

During a press conference on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 31 at the North Manchester Police Department, Indiana State Police Lowell District public information officer Sgt. Glen Fifield was joined by Sgt. Travis Heishman with Fulton County Sheriff's Department, Fulton County Sheriff Chris Sailors and Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker.

Fifield said at around 3:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31,

the Fulton County Sheriff's Department initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling the wrong way on a one-way road in Rochester. As a result of that traffic stop that was initiated, a pursuit took place which ended off Mitchell Drive at the seawall.

They fled on foot but were shortly apprehended, police said in a probable cause affidavit.

Two individuals – Bryce J. Baker, 20, and Joshua J. Adams, 26, both from Kankakee, Illinois – were taken into custody without incident. Those two individuals were charged with possession of stolen property, resisting law enforcement and possession of a handgun with no license.

Police said they found a bag of marijuana and a handgun in a towel that Baker told them he pitched into the lake.

The two are charged with carrying a handgun without a license, theft of a firearm, possession of marijuana and resisting law enforcement. Adams' resisting charge is a felony because he was the alleged driver and used a vehicle to resist.

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, Baker and Adams appeared before Fulton Circuit Court Judge

Christopher Lee for their initial hearings.

Lee set both men's bonds at \$75,000 surety, approved public defense attorneys for the suspects and set future court dates.

They are both set to appear for a pretrial conference at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 14 and their trial date is now set for June 7.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, officers with the U.S. Marshall's Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force requested the assistance of the Indiana State Police SWAT to serve a search warrant on a residence located in the 1000 block of North Bond Street in North Manchester.

During the execution of that warrant, two individuals were taken into custody. One of the individuals, Sullivan, had active warrants for first-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. These charges stemmed from the murder of Rittmanic and the injuries to Bailey. Sullivan is currently being held at the Wabash County Jail. Also arrested at the residence was Daniel Acros, 19, from Kankakee, Illinois. He was preliminarily charged with weapon and narcotics charges in

Wabash County as a result of the search warrant.

“This is an ongoing investigation by the Illinois State Police,” said Fifield. “Further questions into the murder of Sgt. Rittmanic and the shooting of Officer Bailey should be directed to the Illinois State Police. The Indiana State Police will not comment on their investigation.”

Assisting at the scene were the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, Wabash County Sheriff's Department, Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department, Warsaw Police Department, North Manchester Police Department, Akron Police Department, North Manchester Fire Department, Manchester University Security, Lutheran EMS and the Wabash Fire Department.

Fifield said Manchester University was locked down during the search warrant “and there was a building that was searched as a result of some other investigation.”

“It was locked down for a brief period. That lockdown has since been lifted. So right now I can say there is not an active threat to the citizens in the community here,” said Fifield.

On Monday, Jan. 3, Man-

chester University's Office of Strategic Communications assistant director of media relations Anne Gregory said they issued the lockdown alert at 9:22 a.m. and the all-clear alert at 10:54 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31.

Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 is conducting a thorough investigation and would like to request the public's assistance. If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of Harris, or any information regarding this incident, call 815-698-2672 or 815-93-CRIME.

“Callers can remain anonymous. There is no further information available at this time,” stated the Illinois State Police. “The public is reminded that all suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.”

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

## Congress didn't just fail to extend child tax credits – it failed our children

Kids will be the innocent victims now that Congress has failed to extend the child tax credit – just as COVID cases surge again.

They'll suffer more poverty, go hungry more and feel the stress when their parents can't pay their bills.

Child advocates say the pandemic benefit package has been a success. The checks that families receive have pumped money into the economy since July, helping us all. But apparently none of that is enough for lawmakers in Washington, D.C., to continue providing the kind of assistance that actually reduced child poverty.

It's stunning. And it's sad.

Congress expanded the child tax credits under the Biden administration, part of the American Rescue Plan, to help families keep afloat as we entered the second year of the pandemic. The benefit rose from \$2,000 a child to \$3,600 a child. Checks came monthly, and the pool of people who qualified for the program was broadened to include millions who had made too much money – yes, that's nonsensi-

cal – to get the full benefit. The bulk of those who had been left behind? Black and brown kids, and children being raised by single mothers, demographics that should hit home in Miami.

For months, Democrats had vowed to make the tax credits permanent. But with Congress' inability to pass the Build Back Better Act in the Senate, and with it, the extension of the tax credits, families are going to find themselves abruptly back where they were in 2020.

Build Back Better, the wide-ranging social-policy, climate and tax legislation, is unable to go forward in the 50-50 Senate because Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat, opposes it. And he specifically opposes the child tax credit extension, raising objections about the cost and, as the Wall Street Journal reported, voicing concerns that the money could be used to increase opioid use.

Half of the tax credits were sent as monthly payments of up to \$300. The second half is claimed when parents file income tax returns.

Some critics say the program

became too broad because it included couples who can make up to \$150,000. That's a fair concern. But lawmakers should fix it, not scrap the whole thing.

Others have said the money from the tax credits would reduce parents' incentive to work. A study by the Columbia University Center for Poverty and Social Policy found no evidence of that. There are different economists who say the impact on the workforce isn't so clear cut.

But there are some concrete indications that the money is being used for basic needs. The U.S. Census Bureau found that many families were spending the money on childcare and school expenses, to pay off debt or to pay for food. Not exactly frivolous stuff.

The program isn't perfect. But it has helped millions of American children, including those right here in Miami. It has provided support to the poor and lower middle class. By failing to extend the child tax credit, Congress is failing our children.

*This editorial was first published in the Miami Herald.*



## A simple New Year's resolution

Last year I was a casualty of hubris, the ancient Greek term for incredible egotism leading to stupidity. Maybe that's not the technical definition as a classical scholar would tell you but it describes my year perfectly. At least it is an accurate description for that aspect of 2021 relating to my fidelity in keeping my New Year's resolutions.

I had nine, taken from St. Paul's delineation of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Note that he uses fruit in the singular as these nine characteristics are all interrelated and dependent on each other. They exist in total or not at all.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. I should have known better than try to improve my exercise of all of these at the same time. I didn't fail miserably but I hardly met God's standard let alone my wife's. But I did try in my own imperfect way and perhaps there was value in the attempt. I just can't brag about my success, and I learned my lesson about setting impossible goals.

For 2022 I propose only one resolution. At risk of being anachronistic when it comes to the liturgical seasons, my resolution is taken from the first of the Great "O" Antiphons sung since the sixth century by the Christian Church during Advent.

Each of the seven antiphons recognizes an attribute or role of the coming Messiah. It is only the first which I find capable of being imitated by us poor mortals – wisdom. Fine, but why does the antiphon end with a plea for wisdom to teach us in the way of prudence?

Prudence?  
I grew up in Waynedale, a

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small, blue-collar town in northeast Indiana which lost its independence in the 1950's to the evil empire of Fort Wayne. I don't recall ever hearing the word prudence until I got to high school and one of my English teachers had that as her name. I subsequently learned that it was a popular name for girls among the Puritans who settled Massachusetts and the Quakers who settled Pennsylvania. To a Waynedaler like me, it simply meant think before you act. In other words, don't do something stupid or take irresponsible chances. Forrest Gump could have grown up in Waynedale.

So what is the relationship between wisdom and prudence? Are they the same thing? Like with most questions I confront, I found that going back to classical thinkers helped me understand why wisdom teaches prudence.

An article posted by the Scholé Academy, an organization dedicated to classical educational models, straightened me out. The writer, Eddie Kotynski, equated prudence with discernment, an ability to see clearly and act on that sight. That sounds a lot like wisdom to me so its connection to prudence makes perfect sense.

Prudence requires the intellect and the conscience act in concert, but that is not enough. Knowing what is right and good is of little value without the will to act accordingly. It may prevent you from doing the wrong thing but that is only half the battle of living a life of prudence. Thinking prudently

requires acting prudently. This is what the wise person does every day. That's the hard part.

Kotynski is clear on this. He calls prudence "a goal to be pursued and not an achievement to be had." That sounds to me like a plebeian yet realistic definition of a New Year's resolution. I just need to break it down into manageable chunks, simplest chunks to be addressed first.

So in 2022 I will avoid doing stupid things as best I can. Even if I am successful at that, I still haven't traveled far down the path to prudence. There is still the essentiality of doing the right thing, which can only be done with discernment. I will go back to St. Paul one more time and adopt his admonition to do what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, excellent and worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8). I think my simple resolution just became more difficult.

Will I succeed? My recollection of high school and college grading scales is that 70 percent is a passing grade. Then there is the undergraduate's salvation, grading on the curve, which in this case is simply a Pharisaical argument that at least I am not as bad as others.

Perhaps I can convince my family and friends to apply this generous rubric to my actions although I don't want to encourage them to spend the year keeping score. That's already being taken care of in my household.

Meanwhile, there is that extra weight which so displeases my doctor.

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## 2021 was an unnecessarily horrible year

The end of 2021 must be met with relief by most Americans. It was a grim and dangerous year that needed not have been so awful. As 2020 passed into memory, there were signs of hope everywhere. The miracle of vaccination offered to end the COVID pandemic that gave our economy its worst year on record and killed 375,000 of our neighbors. The bitter

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election of 2020 was over, and we could look forward to the 46th consecutive peaceful transition of a presidential power. The tranquility that follows from elections offered a quieter, more prosperous 2021. This hope was shattered, repeatedly and with grim and dangerous outcomes.

The very heart of our democracy was attacked on Jan. 6, 2021, as a group of rioters, sprinkled with hundreds of active insurrectionists, attempted to overthrow our government. For the first time in two centuries, our Capitol was ransacked. Our elected leaders, including the Vice President and all the members of the House and Senate, were evacuated from their places of duty in the chambers of Congress.

We have had many enemies in the 245 years of this Republic, but none have successfully interfered with Congress in this solemn duty. Not in the Civil War, not at the heights of two world wars, a Cold War or terror attacks has this happened. A year later, we have arrested 700, imprisoned dozens and are in the midst of a lengthy investigation that seems poised to link members of Congress and the Trump administration to sedition and insurrection.

Hopefully, this unfolds through the coming year, bringing to justice those who sought to undo our democracy. But, as we end 2021 and move into another election, the same dark forces that organized the Capitol attack remain focused on again regaining the presidency by whatever means are needed. This attack on our Republic is far from over, and as 2021 ends remains the most dangerous threat to our democracy since the Civil War.

By New Year's Day of 2021, COVID vaccines had been administered to nearly every healthcare worker and first responder. Here in Indiana, a truly first-rate vaccination plan was in full swing. By January, vaccines were abundant, easy to schedule online and available in every city and county in the state. It seemed like time to breathe a sigh of relief over the imminent end of the pandemic. That was premature.

The polarization of politics interrupted a sensible, non-partisan public health effort. To put the silliness in context, nearly every American adult has had dozens of vaccines. Here in Indiana, children are required to have a total of 22 vaccines or boosters to finish high school. If you are a veteran, you've had maybe two dozen more. Yet, a stunning number of Americans have decided to oppose the COVID vaccine, largely as a marker of political fealty.

Since June, when vaccines were universally available, nearly 200,000 unvaccinated adults have died of COVID. Stunningly, after the vaccine was fully available, COVID as a cause of death spiked in adults aged 25 to 64. These are the unvaccinated. But, older adults were vaccinated, and saw COVID death rates decline. Perhaps living through previous pandemics affects judgment in positive ways.

Perhaps it is a small solace that these 200,000 unvaccinated deaths were wholly voluntary. Still, we are all paying for the intransigence of the anti-vaxxers, none more so than the families of those who have died without reason. We now have two deeply dishonorable causes for which a few hundred thousand Americans have surrendered their lives. The Confederacy and COVID anti-vaxxers. Both belong in the intellectual garbage can of history.

The large number of vaccine opponents slowed the economic recovery, perhaps stalling it in early summer. The continuing effects of COVID strain our economy and contribute to ongoing fiscal and monetary stimulus. As 2021 ends, we still are not fully recovered.

The effect of stimulus and modest recovery also brought supply chain troubles to the USA. Though the overburdened logistics system mostly accommodated the huge growth in demand, the supply chain disruptions remain an annoyance. The economic recovery from COVID remained uneven across workers and industries. While the unemployment rate plunged, millions of workers failed to re-enter the labor force. For many workers, the decision to remain out of work is designed to improve their lives, but that doesn't lessen the workplace challenges for businesses.

This past year also saw inflation re-emerge as a threat to our economy. By autumn, prices for staples, such as meat, milk and gasoline were noticeably higher. Some of this turned out to be transient, receding as supply chain disruptions were smoothed out, but most of these price increases are more permanent. Though we remain months away from real risk of accelerating inflation, it is now clearly a growing threat. This means higher interest rates, and an economy that will be growing more slowly in 2022.

Internal security threats posed by insurrectionists, economic weakness and political misjudgments cloud our nation's international affairs. A stronger, more confident nation would not have failed in Afghanistan as we did. Arguably, our departure always would be difficult, but it could hardly have been planned more poorly. The damage it did to our alliances makes war elsewhere more likely.

The world is too dangerous, with too many adversaries on too many fronts for us to suffer unforced errors of this type. As I write this, Russian forces mass along the Ukraine border, seemingly unafraid of the United States or NATO. If we dodge war in this region, we should count ourselves more lucky than smart.

The passing year was not all bad news, but nearly all the good news was more muted because of failures. We suffered the failure of a losing president who did not respect our Constitution, his oath before God nor the American people. We suffered the broad failure of an anti-vaxx revolt that unnecessarily cost the lives of 200,000 Americans. We suffered a stumbling economy that has still not fully adjusted to the COVID shock or risk of continued disease. We suffered a humiliating defeat of arms through the absence of strong leadership or planning.

We should all welcome the New Year, now more than ever.

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# Lifestyles



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

## A cheesy spin on Italian wedding soup

I’ve written about the satisfaction of bowl food at this time of year, but there’s another style of food that’s equally comforting in the winter: meatballs. After all, who doesn’t like a good meatball?

Meatballs come in all sizes — small, large, patties — with different types of protein (beef, pork, lamb, turkey, chicken, even fish), while variations effortlessly veer away from “meat” to other star ingredients, such as pulses, beans and grains. In other words, meatballs are versatile and universally pleasing to eat, appealing to most diets and preferences. They are also efficiently economical, a great way to stretch inexpensive ingredients, and they can be frozen or refrigerated for later use, which is ideal for an easy weeknight meal.

This soup recipe is a two-fer. It’s a steaming bowl of comforting soup packed with turkey meatballs floating in a nourishing chicken broth. The recipe takes inspiration from an Italian wedding soup, a classic Italian-American vegetable and meatball soup (and to be clear, the term “wedding” refers to the marriage of its ingredients, not the celebration of a romantic union). There are numerous iterations of an Italian wedding soup. The meatballs can be made of chicken, turkey, beef or pork, which mingle with diced aromatics, such as onion, carrot and celery. For extra substance, the soup sometimes includes pasta. In other words, how you make it is open to your interpretation, taste and the contents of your refrigerator.

In this recipe, I’ve omitted the pasta and amped up the flavor of the broth and meatballs with copious

amounts of cheese. While Parmesan is a popular go-to, I find that the salty sharpness of pecorino Romano adds more oomph and flavor to the meatballs. A hunk of cheese rind is added to the broth (a humble and effective no-waste technique to build flavor and body), which accentuates a cheesy-umami richness in an otherwise simple soup.

Feel free to use this recipe as a template and make your own modifications depending on what you have on hand. For instance, if you have some post-Thanksgiving frozen turkey stock, use that for the base of the soup. Or switch out the ground turkey for ground chicken to make the meatballs. If you would like to add some pasta, try orzo or a small tubular pasta, such as ditalini — and note that you may need to add more stock, since the pasta will absorb some as it cooks. If you don’t have homemade stock on hand, a good-quality store-bought chicken stock will easily stand in for a quick weeknight dinner.

### Cheesy Turkey Meatball Soup

**Active time: 45 minutes**  
**Total time: 45 minutes, plus chilling time**  
**Yield: Serves: 4 to 5, makes about 16 meatballs**

**Meatballs:**  
**1 pound ground turkey (or chicken)**  
**1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs**  
**1/4 cup packed finely grated pecorino Romano cheese**  
**2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley leaves**  
**1 large garlic clove, minced**  
**1/2 teaspoon kosher salt**  
**1/2 teaspoon dried oregano**  
**1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**  
**1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes**

**(optional)**  
**Vegetable oil**  
**Soup:**  
**1 medium onion, chopped**  
**1 large carrot, sliced**  
**1 celery stalk, diced**  
**Kosher salt**  
**5 to 6 cups chicken stock**  
**1 (2-inch) chunk Parmesan rind**  
**1 bay leaf**  
**1 teaspoon dried thyme**  
**1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**  
**2 cups spinach leaves or coarsely chopped kale leaves**  
**Grated pecorino Romano or Parmesan cheese for sprinkling**

Combine the meatball ingredients (excluding oil) in a bowl and mix to blend. Form into 1-inch meatballs, flatten slightly, and place on a plate. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a deep skillet or soup pot. Add the meatballs in one layer without overcrowding, in batches if necessary. Brown on both sides, turning when they release easily from the pan, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel. (They will finish cooking in the soup.)

Add 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. Add the onion, carrots, celery and a pinch of salt to the skillet and saute until the vegetables are bright and tender, 3 to 4 minutes, stirring up any brown bits. Add the stock, cheese, bay leaf, thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the black pepper. Partially cover the pot and simmer over medium heat for about 15 minutes. Add the meatballs and continue to cook until the meatballs are fully cooked, 8 to 10 minutes more. Stir in the greens and cook until wilted, 1 to 2 minutes. Taste for seasoning and add more salt and pepper if desired. Ladle into bowls and serve with the cheese for sprinkling.

## How to make financial resolutions stick

Every year, you make a promise to yourself to get out of debt or finally build a decent emergency fund.

Or maybe you’ve resolved to spend less or save more for retirement.

You set a goal.

Then life gets in the way, and your financial

resolution is derailed.

You feel like a failure,

so you stop even trying.

And it’s only March.

The problem isn’t that

you didn’t

have enough willpower.

You probably didn’t have

a plan, which starts with

knowing where you stand.

According to Bankrate,

the top 2022 financial goals

for U.S. adults are paying

down debt, building an

emergency fund, budgeting

better, boosting retirement

savings and investing more

money. Here’s advice on

how to stick to your goals:

**Where should I start**

**in creating a plan to pay**

**down my debt?**

Say your debt amount

aloud.

One of the first things

I do when helping folks

struggling with this res-

olution is to get them to

say out loud how much

debt they think they have.

Nearly everyone balks at

this request, because they

don’t know the total or they

are embarrassed. It’s not

enough to write it down.

Saying the number out loud

does something to folks. It

leaves an impression of the

urgency to pay down the

debt. (Try it, and send me a

tweet or video on Twitter —

@SingletaryM.)

Next, make sure you

are certain of everything

you owe. Pull your credit

reports from all three

credit bureaus — Equifax,

Experian and TransUnion.

The bureaus have set up

a centralized website at

annualcreditreport.com so

you can order your free

annual reports in one place.

You can also call 877-322-

8228.

Federal law gives you

the right to a free copy of

your credit report every

12 months. Because of the

pandemic, the bureaus are

allowing everyone in the

United States to get a free

credit report each week

through April 20.

Finally, the method I’ve

found most effective in

tackling debt is to list what

you owe, starting with the

smallest balance. I call this

strategy the “debt dash.”

In addition to your regular

payment, take any extra

funds and apply them to

the principal of the smallest

debt. Once you’ve knocked

off the top debt, take all

that money and move on to

the next one on your list,

and so on. If two debts are

about the same amount, the

one with the higher interest

rate should come first.

The logical-mathematical

method might suggest

you go after debt with the

highest interest rate first.

But there’s more to debt

reduction than logic. You

have to factor in human

behavior.

I’ve found that when

people are able to reduce

the list of debts quickly

because they are attacking

the ones with the lowest

balance, they stick to this

resolution. They also speed

up their debt reduction, and

this, in turn, results in less

interest paid overall.

It’s all about the momen-

tum in this method.

**What’s the best way to**

**save for a financial emer-**

**gency?**

When trying to build an

emergency fund, it’s best to

set it and forget it.

Set it up so that there’s

a direct deposit from your

paycheck to a bank account

for your emergency funds.

I suggest it be a different

financial institution from

the one where you keep the

account to pay your bills.

The separation usually

results in less temptation

to transfer funds into the

household account to make

up for overspending.

If your employer doesn’t

allow split deposits or

you’re self-employed,

you’ll have to set up

a system to make the

automatic deposits your-

self. You could schedule

regular transfers from your

checking account into a

savings account at the same

institution. The point is to

make paying yourself feel

like a bill that needs to be

paid every time you get a

paycheck.

**How do I stick to a**

**spending plan?**

In response to a column

about budgeting, a reader

once wrote, “My financial

motto has always been: I

save where I can so I can

spend where I want.”

I’m all about telling your-

self the truth. Budgeting

better or controlling your

spending starts with really

being honest with your-

self. Yes, you are eating

out more than you think.

No, sales don’t save you

money, because you’re still

spending.

Just to get an idea of how

much you spend, track

your spending for a month.

Get a little notebook and

capture all the money

going out — yes, even

where you spent that \$20

you took out of the ATM.

So much of our spending

is unconscious. Where you

see waste, redirect that

money to other goals, such

as building your emergency

fund or paying off debt.

By the way, I don’t have a

recommendation for a cool

budgeting app. They help,

of course. But it’s not the

tool that makes the differ-

ence. It’s your motivation

to do better that matters.

An expensive exercise bike

is just a clothes hanger

unless you have resolved to

get in shape.

**How can I save more for**

**retirement?**

Again, here’s where

automation can work in

your favor. The first of the

year is a good time to look

at your retirement savings

percentage. What percent-

age of your income did

you allocate to invest for

retirement in your 401 (k)

or similar workplace plan?

If you’re a new employee,

your employer may have

started you at 3 percent.

For 2022, pick up the pace

and perhaps move that

percentage up to 5 percent.

At the very least, if you

can, put in enough money

to take advantage of any

matching contributions.

Here’s some incentive for

you. Workers who become

401(k) millionaires do so in

part because they contrib-

ute at least 15 percent to

their workplace plan, a per-

centage recommended by

Fidelity Investments. This

might include a combina-

tion of what they’re putting

in and a matching contribu-

tion from their employer.

Even if you don’t have

a 401(k), you can set up

a traditional individual

retirement account, which

allows you to invest pretax

income toward investments

that grow tax-deferred. You

can also set up a Roth IRA.

You fund it with after-tax

money, but your withdraw-

als are tax-free.

**I have extra money.**

**Should I invest it?**

With banks paying a piti-

ful amount of interest on

savings accounts, you may

be wondering how to grow

your non-emergency-fund

money. Outside a retire-

ment account, you have

many choices to invest.

I suggest you go through

the free “Smart Investing

Courses” offered by the

Financial Industry Regula-

tory Authority (Finra). The

six modules provide basic

information on things such

as setting an investment

goal, understanding risk

and return and identifying

fees and expenses.

## ‘Mudi’? Try a toy: American Kennel Club adds 2 dog breeds

By JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An athletic Hungarian farm dog and a tiny pet of bygone Russian aristocrats are the latest breeds in the American Kennel Club’s purebred lineup.

The club announced Tuesday that it’s recognizing the Russian toy and the mudi. That means they’re eligible to compete for best in show at many U.S. dog shows, including the AKC’s big annual championship and the pres-

tigious Westminster Kennel Club show.

The mudi (whose American fans pronounce its name like “moody,” although the vowel sound in Hungarian is closer to the “u” in “pudding”) descended from long lines of Hungarian sheepdogs before a museum director took an interest in the breed and gave it a name around 1930. Fans say the medium-size, shaggy dogs are vigorous, versatile and hardworking, able to herd sheep, hunt boars, snag rats and compete in canine

sports such as agility and dock diving.

“They’re very perceptive, and they have a subtle quality” and are very trainable, but they need things to do, said Kim Seiter, an Oak Ridge, New Jersey, dog agility trainer who has four of them. “They’re not for the inactive person.”

The dogs — the proper plural is “mudik” — were featured on postage stamps in their homeland in 2004, as were some other Hungarian breeds.

The Russian toy developed from small English terriers

that gained the fancy of Russian elites by the early 1700s. The diminutive dogs — supposed to weigh no more than 6.5 pounds — have a leggy silhouette, perky expression and lively demeanor, breeders say.

“They



WINTER GALA

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winter blues away” at their 16th annual Winter Gala. The event is set to be held Saturday, Feb. 5 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Vanderpool said the evening

will consist of dinner, catered by Heather Chenault, “a fun, fabulous and very entertaining” dessert auction by Chad Metzger, from Metzger Auction Services, and dancing to tunes spun by “Smitty.” A cash bar is also available throughout the evening. The cost for tickets is \$35 a person, and are available from any Tri Kappa member or at Wabash City Hall

through Friday, Jan. 28. All profit will go toward scholarships for students from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools and to local charities. “Come out for a great evening of fun,” said Vanderpool. Each year the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa awards two different scholarships to seniors in Wabash; a Grant-in-Aid and Lulu Baer.

The Grant-in-Aid Scholarship is awarded to one senior from each of the high schools in Wabash, including Northfield, Southwood and Wabash. The recipients of this scholarship are determined based on the quality of their application, desire and dedication to their chosen course of study, and need for the scholarship. Due to the generosity of the Wabash

community through fundraising efforts, the local Tri Kappa chapter can award each Grant-in-Aid Scholarship recipient \$2,000 toward their tuition for the upcoming school year. “Kappa Kappa Kappa was founded Feb. 22, 1901, on the foundation of charity, culture and education. With nearly 7,000 members within the state of Indiana, the 145

active chapters and 102 associate chapters of Tri Kappa can give over \$1.5 million every year to important projects that help babies, children, teens and adults throughout Indiana,” said Vanderpool. For more information, call 765-661-8206. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

ELECTION

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election will be held on Nov. 8. As of noon Friday, Jan. 7, Draper, a Republican, had filed for re-election as clerk; Republican Eric Rish had filed for re-election as recorder; Republican Kelly Schenkel had filed re-election as assessor; Republican Barbara Pearson had filed for re-election for Wabash County Council District 2; and Republican Andrew Delong had filed for Lagro Township Trustee.

Also, according to the Indiana Secretary of State’s office Republican Wabash Circuit Court Judge Robert R. McCallen, III had filed for re-election. According to the Wabash County Clerk’s office, no candidates had yet filed for the following races: Prosecuting Attorney of Wabash County, Wabash County Sheriff, Wabash County Commissioner District 1, Wabash County Council District 1, Wabash County Council District 3, Wabash County Council District 4, Chester Township Trustee, Liberty Township Trustee, Noble Township Trustee, Paw Paw Township Trustee, Pleasant Township Trustee, Waltz Township Trustee, Chester Township Board Member, Lagro Township Board Member, Liberty Township Board Member, Noble Township Board Member, Paw Paw Township Board Member, Pleasant Township Board Member and Waltz Township Board Member.

On the state level, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, had already announced his reelection bid last month in the redesigned 17th District and filed his paperwork on Thursday, Jan. 6. Rep. Dan Leonard, R-Huntington, filed his paperwork and awaits a contested primary against challenger Lorissa Sweet. “Serving in the State Senate is an honor and a privilege, and I hope the voters will continue to allow me to serve them in the Legislature,” Zay said. “I remain committed to our shared conservative Hoosier values and will continue to fight for Northeast Indiana.” When he announced his re-election bid, Zay said that the biggest difference between the upcoming 2022 campaign and his victory in 2018 is that he now has a legislative record. “I have some successes, so I have some accomplishments. I have a record to run on,” Zay said. “I think it’s important to show the people in the district and the communities that I’m not a placeholder in Indianapolis. I’m down there to make a difference, and I’ve tried to do that.” At 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, Zay will visit L.H. Carpenter

Early Learning Center, 1101 Colerain St., to present 15 United States flags that are to be displayed in all classrooms, according to a press release Friday. The Wabash City Schools location underwent a recent renovation and classroom flags will help complete the project. “After being contacted, State Senator Zay offered to provide 15 United States flags and to present them in person,” stated the release. Zay will be at the school at 9 a.m. and will recite the “Pledge of Allegiance” with the students.

For his part, Leonard pointed to his record when making the case for another term. “We’ve been so fortunate over the last few years to get some pretty sizable projects up in Northeast Indiana, and in the 50th house district,” Leonard said. “One I’m particularly proud of is the 900 Road project between 24 and 69, there in front of the General Motors plant. I was able to secure about \$30 million to get that project done.

Additionally, Leonard cited helping the region receive grants from the REDI program for around \$50 million. “I’d like to think I’m being fairly effective,” Leonard said. “I enjoy what I’m doing, and would like to continue for another two years. That’s why I filed.” He also responded to a recent Facebook post made by Sweet, who plans to run for the seat he currently holds in the 50th District.

In the post, Sweet wrote that “Citizens are tired of not being represented, and freedom-loving people are stepping up. Get educated on how your representative is voting. You would be surprised how ‘liberal’ these ‘conservatives’ vote.”

“You learn from being in politics that you don’t get 100 percent of what you want all the time. There has to be some give and take. I like to think that I am extremely conservative; most of my friends think I am way on the conservative side,” Leonard said. “But I also understand that when you want to accomplish something, sometimes you have to make some compromises. There is a particular faction of people that refuse to compromise. In the General Assembly, you see those people day in and day out getting absolutely nothing done. I think it is necessary to be able to sit down and talk with people, reason with people and work to get the best solution you can. It’s not always 100 percent of what you want, but if you can get 80 percent of what you want, it’s a lot better than getting nothing.”

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COVID

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“As the community is aware, NMPL has service strategies in place based on the county pandemic metrics,” said library director Diane Randall. “The Library Board has approved the service strategies for every state pandemic metric color. The library’s pandemic service strategies spreadsheet provides a transparent consistent ‘plan in place’ during these challenging times. If the county status changes in the future to a different metric color, the library will adapt to address this change in services.”

Hann said due to the orange status, hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the library, they will employ social distancing measures, curbside services will be strongly promoted, they will increase virtual programming, they will clean all returned materials with Concept 256, they will employ the use of protective shields at circulation desks, they will increase usage of ultraviolet disinfecting equipment, they will increase disinfection of playroom and staff will be told to stay at home when they are ill or symptomatic and obtain COVID-19 testing

“The library staff will continue sanitation measures for materials and the facility. The use of hand sanitizers and social distancing practices are still recommended. If you do not have a mask, a free (mask) will be provided for you at the front desk,” said Hann. “If you are uncomfortable coming into the library for any reason, we encourage you to use our curbside service or Libby, our free e-library.”

On Friday, Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said their guidelines have not changed since their board met in December.

“If Wabash County has reached (red), we strongly advise library patrons to wear masks and have ones available for patrons to use. We are not making it mandatory for library users in the building but would strongly recommend them. In addition, the staff is required to wear masks when working in a public area in the library,” said Wimberly.

Wimberly said if the metric is less than red, as is this week, “we make masks optional for both staff and library patrons at all times.”

Wimberly said when the county is at a red level, all library programming is done with take-home

kits or virtually. If the level is below red, as is now, they will resume indoor programming with optional masks for participants and staff.

“Regardless of the level, we do have masks available for library customers at all times,” said Wimberly.

Wimberly said the next board meeting where any changes might be decided upon would take place Tuesday, Jan. 18

“We do offer curbside service upon request for patrons. The library also provides many digital resources such as Hoopla and Overdrive library customers can access online with a library card,” said Wimberly.

At the state level, state health commissioner Dr. Kris Box, is recovering at home after becoming re-infected with COVID-19, the ISDH announced Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Box tested positive through a rapid test on Tuesday morning after becoming symptomatic Monday evening. She also received a PCR test, which will be sent for sequencing to determine whether she has been infected with the Omicron strain.

“Indiana and much of the nation are experiencing a surge in cases that is testing healthcare systems, due largely to the highly infectious Omicron variant,” stated the ISDH.

On Tuesday, the state reported 8,533 new cases and a seven-day positivity rate of 20.5 percent.

Box, who is fully vaccinated and received a booster dose in November, is one of an estimated 113,000 Hoosiers to suffer a break-

through case since Jan. 18, 2021. She was experiencing symptoms including muscle aches, chills, coughing and a sore throat and was isolating at home. She will follow the isolation guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which call for her to isolate for five full days and allow her to return to work fully masked on the sixth day if her symptoms are improving.

This is her second time to become sickened with COVID-19, after testing positive in October 2020. An estimated 15,000 Hoosiers have become reinfected with COVID-19.

“The CDC says some reinfections are expected and is studying the frequency of such cases. Individuals who have previously had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated to prevent serious illness that can lead to hospitalization or death,” stated the ISDH. “COVID-19 can be spread even by people who show no symptoms. Hoosiers can take steps to protect themselves and others during this surge, such as wearing surgical masks or KN95s when in public, staying home when sick, getting tested, getting vaccinated and receiving a booster when eligible.”

Also, on Wednesday, Jan. 5, the ISDH announced that Hoosiers aged 12 to 15 who received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least five months ago are now eligible to receive a booster dose following approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and FDA.

The FDA amended the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine on Monday to allow a single booster dose for people aged 12 to 15. The CDC endorsed the recommendation Wednesday.

The FDA also expanded the Pfizer EUA by shortening the time between the completion of the primary vaccination series from six months to five months and allowing certain immunocompromised children aged 5 to 11 to receive a third primary series dose. The CDC authorized those changes Tuesday.

Booster doses have been shown to increase protection from hospitalization and death against the highly infectious Omicron variant, which is fueling a surge in cases across the country. Data out of South Africa and the United Kingdom show that two doses of a Pfizer vaccine provide approximately 35 percent protection against the Omicron variant but that a booster dose increases that protection against infection to 75 percent.

The Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine approved for individuals younger than age 18. Hoosiers seeking a booster for a child aged 12 or older can go to www.ourshot.in.gov and look for a location that carries the Pfizer vaccine, designed by PVAX, or call Indiana 211 (866-211-9966) for assistance. Appointments are recommended, but many sites also accept walk-ins.

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**Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

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**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

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**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

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**Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

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LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. [www.LivingFaithWabash.org](http://www.LivingFaithWabash.org)

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! [tlcwabash@gmail.com](mailto:tlcwabash@gmail.com).

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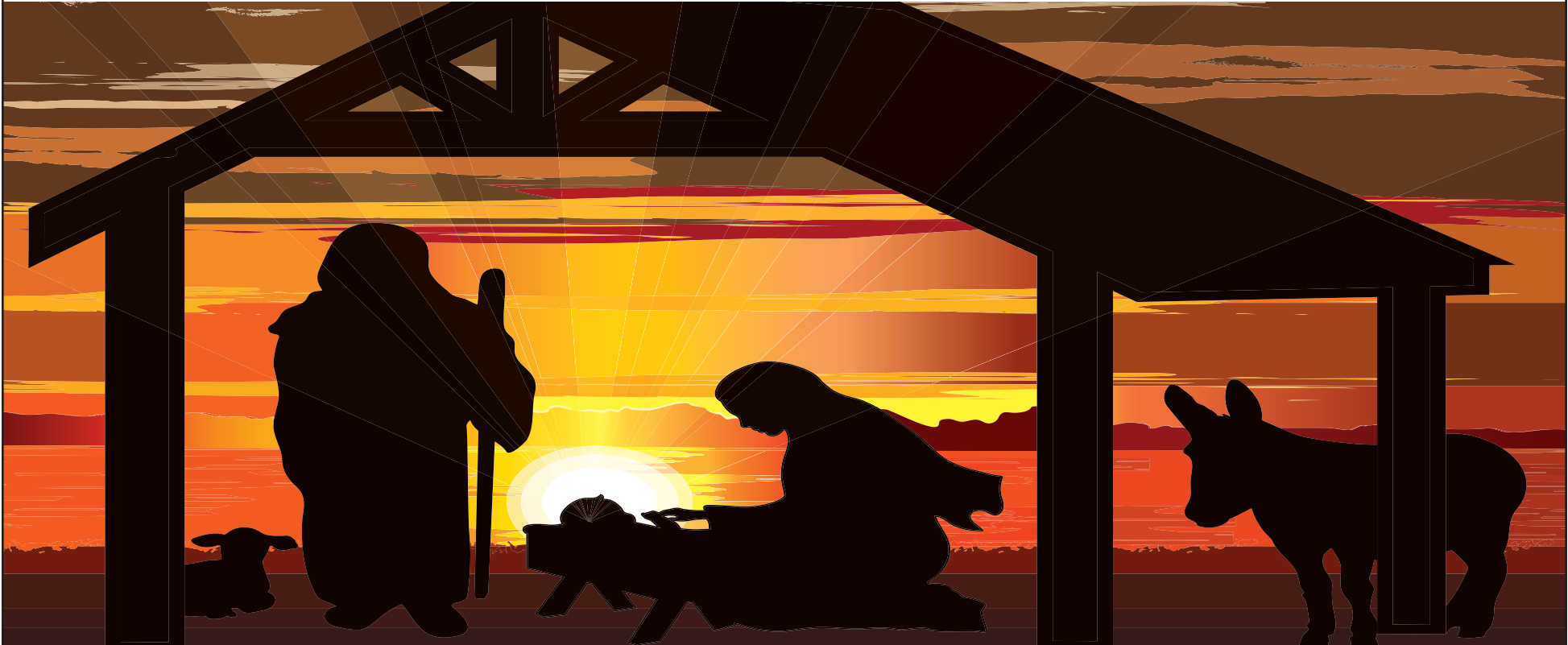
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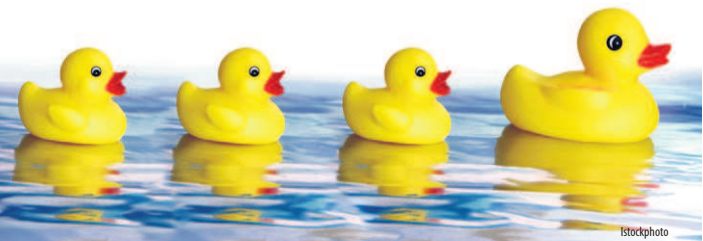
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Ephesians 5:1-20	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ephesians 6:1-24	2 Cor. 1:1-11	2 Cor. 1:12-24	2 Cor. 2:1-11	2 Cor. 2:12-17
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# Republicans renew push to drop Indiana’s handgun permit law

By **TOM DAVIES**  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Republicans are making a new push to loosen Indiana’s requirements for carrying a handgun in public despite the opposition of several major law enforcement organizations.

The proposal endorsed by an Indiana House committee this week would repeal the state’s handgun permit requirement, allowing anyone age 18 or older to carry a handgun except for reasons such as having a felony conviction, facing a restraining order from a court or having a dangerous mental illness.

Supporters argue that the permit requirement undermines Second Amendment protections by forcing law-abiding citizens to undergo police background checks and often wait weeks until the process is completed. A similar bill passed the Republican-dominated House last year but it was not acted upon

in the Senate, where GOP leaders pointed to opposition from the Indiana State Police, the state police chiefs association and the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police.

Those organizations continue to argue that the current permit system provides a screening tool for identifying dangerous people who

shouldn’t have a gun and make that information quickly accessible to police officers.

Lafayette Police Chief Patrick Flannelly told the House committee he believed the risk to officers of dangerous confrontations would increase without the permitting system.

“Should this bill pass, there will be no means for our

officers to know if a person is legally carrying a handgun,” said Flannelly, representing the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

The chairwoman of the state Senate committee that blocked the repeal effort last year is co-sponsoring a bill similar to the House proposal for this year’s session.

## PULSE

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its quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 in the EMA Room of the Wabash County Courthouse, 1 W. Hill St., according to Wabash County Health Department office manager and deputy registrar Kathy Lower. For more information, call 260-563-0661.

### Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold January meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on France Slocum of Miami County, presented in first person by Sharon Dillman, Regent of the Nineteenth Star DAR Chapter in Peru. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more

information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### IHCDA seeks volunteers to count Hoosiers experiencing homelessness

State officials are searching for volunteers to participate in an annual study of the ongoing crisis facing Hoosiers who are experiencing homelessness. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and partner agencies across the state coordinate to conduct a one-night count of the homeless population, called the Point in Time (PIT) Count. This year’s count will take place Wednesday, Jan. 26. State officials are seeking volunteers in every county to help conduct the count. Those wishing to volunteer should email [HMIS@ihcda.in.gov](mailto:HMIS@ihcda.in.gov) by Wednesday, Jan. 12 with their name, city of residence and the counties they are willing to volunteer in.

### Money Smart Program planned at Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the upcoming Money Smart Program in conjunction with Crossroads Bank. The eight-week program begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Participants will learn topics such as choosing financial products that are right for you, managing income, creating and implementing savings and spending plans, using credit to borrow money, protecting your financial rights and safeguarding your money, determining your

readiness to buy a home and recovering from financial setbacks and rebuilding credit. Seating is limited, so register soon. Registration forms may be picked up and dropped off at both the Wabash County YMCA or Crossroads Bank, or completed forms can be emailed to [pgodfroy@wabashcountyyymca.org](mailto:pgodfroy@wabashcountyyymca.org) or [jwhetstone@crossroadsbanking.com](mailto:jwhetstone@crossroadsbanking.com). For more information, visit [www.wabashcountyyymca.org](http://www.wabashcountyyymca.org). To make a tax-deductible donation, email [jdriskill@wabashcountyyymca.org](mailto:jdriskill@wabashcountyyymca.org).

### Salamonie Preschool offers ‘S is for Snow’ on Jan. 19

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “S is for Snow” on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Come play in the snow and learn how it is made. Children ages 2 through 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler’s basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. Note that details of this event may be subject to change based on the state’s response to COVID-19. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/UpperWabash](https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake), <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or [dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dnr.IN.gov).

### Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to

Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Feb. 1, March 1, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/upperwabash](https://dnr.IN.gov/upperwabash).

### Salamonie ‘Tweens Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Feb. 2, March 2 and April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/upperwabash](https://dnr.IN.gov/upperwabash).

### Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manches-

ter University offers art pieces by North Manchester resident Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigi-Flections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings.

### Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Trailblazers is March 13, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling

Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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**High School C Teams**  
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■ Bloomington High School

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■ Columbia City High School  
■ Manchester Junior-Senior High School (two teams)  
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

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Mixed signals abound after long separation

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been talking to my ex-boyfriend of more than 22 years. We have a grown son. We are now in our 50s and talking and texting again. I still love him, and I want a relationship with him, but I'm not sure he wants me back. I don't know if he's interested in me or just being friendly.

Dear Abby



Can you help? At the end of our last phone call he said, "It's been a long time. Twenty-two years. We are both different people now. I don't know if it could be like it was then," and we said goodnight.

Should I wait for him to text me back? I don't even know if he's dating someone. He didn't say. Please help. — Second Chance In The East

**DEAR SECOND CHANCE:** Continue talking to your ex and let this scenario play out further. Is he initiating these calls and texts, or are you? If it's him, that's a hopeful sign. Yes, it is true you are both different people now — but that can be a plus. With the passage of time, you both may have mellowed and matured. If the discussions continue, you will find out soon enough if he's involved with someone or interested in getting back together. And remember, if he's just being "friendly," the son you share is a good reason for keeping that friendship going.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife is very protective of our dog, "Spencer." I agree with her that Spencer should not receive table food. Yesterday, my wife put a large pile of dog vomit on my desk. She said it "proves" I have been feeding Spencer. Her accusation is not true.

I may have done some peculiar things in my time, but I have never put vomit on someone's desk. How should I respond? — Flabbergasted In Iowa

**DEAR FLABBERGASTED:** There can be various reasons for a dog having an upset stomach besides having consumed table scraps. Spencer should be checked by a veterinarian to be sure there isn't something else going on. As to your wife putting vomit on your desk, well, since you asked — I wouldn't blame you if you made it plain that SHE is in the doghouse.

**DEAR ABBY:** When someone gives a gift to someone, shouldn't it be opened in the presence of the giver? My 12-year-old daughter ran cross country, and after the season ended, there was a banquet. At the banquet, several kids approached the coach and gave him cards. We gave him a gift certificate. When my daughter gave him the envelope, he laid it down with the other cards and said, "thanks." I think he should have opened it and read the contents while my daughter was standing there (my daughter would have been so pleased). What do you think? — Lisa In Colorado

**DEAR LISA:** Once a gift is given, it belongs to the receiver to do with as he or she pleases. Your daughter's coach was under no obligation to open the envelope in your daughter's presence. If he recognized the envelope contained more than good wishes, he may have wanted to spare the other athletes embarrassment if they could not afford to be as generous as your family.

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**ACROSS**

1 Grooved on

4 Big burger

7 Extol

11 El Dorado loot

12 Yegg's target

13 Forearm bone

14 Dinner check

15 Fiery stack

16 Burglar's "key"

17 Virgo's neighbor

19 Author — Haley

20 John, in Aberdeen

21 WNW opposite

22 Jostle

25 Head honcho (2 wds.)

28 Singer — Rawls

29 Grass

31 Help

33 Not against

34 Passport companion

36 Common ailment

37 Hedge

40 Try a mouthful

**DOWN**

1 Speck

2 River in Asia

3 High desert of Asia

4 Yucatan civilization

5 Kenya's loc.

6 Passing grade

7 Calmed

8 Lotion ingredient

9 PC operating system

42 Sinbad's transport

43 Watch pocket

44 Multiply

46 Come afterward

49 Comedian — King

50 Bare

52 Online info

54 Yield

55 Versatile vehicles

56 Fail mo.

57 Not up yet

58 Push to the limit

59 Not outgoing

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Wow! Look at that! Good thing it's so far away.

The rumbling doesn't compare to the lightning.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

REST ROOMS

MEN

“Why wouldn't you read me what it said on the wall, Daddy?”

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BEEBLE BAILEY

I FORGOT THE MATCHES

YOU'RE AN EXPERT WOODSMAN, ZERO. CAN YOU LIGHT THE FIRE?

SURE!

EVERY EXPERT WOODSMAN CARRIES A LIGHTER

BLONDIE

WHAT DO YOU THINK, DEAR?

FABULOUS! I LOVE IT!!

HERE'S THE PRICE... YES OR NO?

THAT MIGHT BE A NO

HI & LOIS

I TOLD YOU WE CAN'T PLAY GOLF IN JANUARY.

THE WEATHER FORECAST SAID "UNSEASONABLY MILD."

BC

AHHH...

NOTHING LIKE A RELAXING DIP IN THE HOT TUB AFTER A LONG DAY OF SKIING.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY SOUP?!

WIZARD OF ID

TORTURE ROOM

RATE YOUR EXPERIENCE: ☐ 5 STARS ☐ ASK ME LATER

DILBERT

YOUR IDIOT BOSS IS ON VACATION, SO HE ASKED ME TO FILL IN FOR HIM.

I'LL BE USING MY ADVANCED CIRCUITRY TO MICROMANAGE YOU AT TEN TIMES THE FREQUENCY OF A HUMAN MANAGER.

WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO DO OUR WORK FOR US?

DAMN YOUR LOGIC! YES, IT WOULD.

GARFIELD

THAT'S A NICE FIRE

YUP

DIET BOOKS MAKE GREAT KINDLING

FORT KNOX

I HAD TO BREAK UP WITH MY ONLINE GIRL-FRIEND.

I'M SO SORRY, FRANK.

ME TOO... SHE WAS THE FIRST ONLINE WOMAN I FELT I COULD MARRY.

SO WHAT HAPPENED?

SHE BECAME THE FIRST ONLINE WOMAN I FELT I COULD PIVORE.

PICKLES

OH, GREAT! I'M STUCK IN THIS BEAN BAG CHAIR!!

HELP!! I CAN'T GET UP! IS ANYBODY HOME?

ROSCODE! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE! GO GET HELP, BOY!

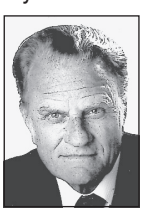
WHO DO I LOOK LIKE, LASSIE?

Jesus Christ opened Heaven's door for us by His death on the cross

From the writings of Billy Graham

**Q:** My friends say that my Christian faith is hypocritical because I believe the Bible to be literal even when I say that Jesus is the door. They respond, "Does he have hinges?" What can I say to them? — C.H.

Billy Graham My Answer



**A:** Jesus opened Heaven's door for us by His death on the cross, paying the price for our salvation. He is the entry place for mankind to receive His forgiveness and to enjoy His love. Every house and building has at least one entrance. Every nation has points of entry. The kingdom of God also has an entrance — only one — and it is Jesus Christ. He proclaims, "I am the door. If anyone en-

ters by Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9).

The human heart has an entrance as well, but many have it bolted, defiantly refusing to let Christ come in. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20).

God formed our hearts and wants to dwell there, but many have locked theirs up, ignoring the Savior who says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No

one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

When the crew of Apollo 15 returned to Earth's atmosphere in 1971 after a journey of nearly 300 hours and almost half a million miles, they had to reenter the atmosphere through a corridor less than 40 miles wide. That is a narrow passage. This illustrates what Jesus said: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction" (Matthew 7:13).

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"ZYE HGLU WEVYNWW, GLR UBNL HBNL  
ZYE RY CNU XU, ZYE RYL'U HGLU XU  
ONVGAWN YT UBN GUUNLUXYL."  
— WBXPJNZ OGWWNZ

Previous Solution: "Not every successful man is a good father, but every good father is a successful man." — Robert Duval

TODAY'S CLUE: P equals R



Knights girls basketball team tops Marion

Southwood will face Madison-Grant at home Saturday

By SCOTT HUNT  
Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

MARION — The objective of any basketball coach is to have a team playing its best at the end of a season and that's the path Southwood girls' coach Kenneth Norman and the Knights are currently traveling.

Southwood started its season 3-5 but has won six of its last seven games and seven of the past nine after a win at Marion Wednesday evening.

The Knights trailed the Giants briefly at 3-0 before

scoring 23 straight points and cruising, 60-26, to claim a season-best fourth straight win and improve to 10-7.

"For about the last three weeks, I don't know if I would say they're listening to us more, but they're just kind of getting it," said Norman after the Marion. "They're understanding more what we're saying and they're seeing the floor better."

"We had injuries early in the season that messed with our lineup and some freshmen had to step in," he continued. "They're starting to get the pace of the game and getting the trust of the upperclassmen that they can make some plays. We've really improved shooting, shooting always helps.

We've been shooting a lot better the last three weeks, too."

Ella Hauptert, Alaina Winer and Bailey Wyatt each made three 3-pointers against Marion. Hauptert finished with 21 points, Winer and Aleia Sweet each netted 12 and Wyatt scored 10 against the Giants.

The Knights have combined to make nine threes four times in the past seven games. They've connected on six twice more and made eight against Wabash in the championship game of the Wabash County tournament.

Southwood is averaging 28 percent (112 of 398) for the season but has improved to nearly 34 percent (63 of 188) over the past eight games.

Hauptert leads the Knights with 34 makes from long range, Winer has hit 31, Wyatt has 26 threes and Sweet has connected on 13.

"They can all shoot. We have four starters that can hit multiple threes in a game. You're taking your chances leaving us open," Norman said. "A lot of people focus on Hauptert, I would too if I was scouting."

Wabash played a box-and-one against us (in the Wabash County finals) and Sweet had 18 and Winer had 16," he added. "We spread it out more than I think people think we do because they see that big number on Hauptert, but we have a lot of girls that score."



Southwood's Ella Hauptert eyes two of her 21 points in the Knights' 60-24 win over Marion earlier this week.

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SOUTHWOOD VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS MISSISSINEWA 63-49 ON WEDNESDAY



Southwood junior Jason Oprisek goes up for a cross-court pass during first half action against the Mississinewa Indians on Wednesday evening.

SOUTHWOOD JV BOYS BASKETBALL FALLS TO MISSISSINEWA 43-25 ON WEDNESDAY



Sophomore Caleb Wyatt, no. 10, fights for a rebound against Ole Miss's A'Jean Johnson, no. 30, in junior varsity action Wednesday evening at SHS.

NORTHFIELD VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATS BLUFFTON 47-39 ON TUESDAY



Freshman Elli Baker brings it up-court for the Norse against Bluffton during varsity action Tuesday evening at NHS.

NORTHFIELD JV GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATS BLUFFTON 35-18 ON TUESDAY



Norse freshman Kirsten Rife battles her Tiger opponent during junior varsity action Tuesday evening at NHS.



# Manchester men’s basketball outlasts Anderson

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men’s basketball squad won its second consecutive Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) game on Wednesday evening after outlasting rival Anderson on the road 87 to 84.

Wednesday’s game was close throughout as neither side led by more than eight points.

Both teams shot well in the opening half. Manchester finished 15-37 (40.5 percent) from the field while also shooting a strong seven for 17 (41.2 percent) from downtown. The Ravens finished 16 for 30 (53.3 percent) from the floor and four for eight from three through the game’s first 20 minutes. The Black and Gold held a narrow one-point advantage at the intermission, 40-39.

While Manchester was held in check from the perimeter in the second half (just one-for-seven from three), the



Ty Lynas, from Crawfordsville, scored in double figures against the Ravens.

Black and Gold still shot a blistering 58.3 percent overall (14-24). The Spartans also made the most of their opportunities at the free-throw line, shooting 18 for 22 from the stripe in the 2nd half.

An 11 to zero run from the 8:58 mark to the 6:54 mark of the second half would give the Spartans a lead that they would not relinquish.

Anderson’s game-tying three-pointer at the buzzer drew iron but fell harmlessly

to the floor.

The Spartans finished Wednesday’s contest shooting 29-61 from the field – good for a 47.5 percent clip. Manchester also finished 21-27 from the free-throw line – good for 77.8 percent.

Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, led Manchester with 25 points and eight rebounds. Christlieb shot eight for 16 from the floor, four for eight from deep, and five for

six from the charity stripe. Quentez Columbus, from South Bend and Adams High School, added a season-high 24 points on the strength of eight for 12 shooting from the field and seven for eight shooting from the free-throw line. Columbus added eight boards. Ty Lynas, from Crawfordsville, and Bryant Smith, from West Lafayette and Harrison High School, both scored in double figures against the Ravens, scoring 14 and 13 points, respectively. Lynas added five assists.

Anderson was led by Maurice Knight’s double-double of 34 points and 10 rebounds. Camden Smith added 18 points off the bench.

Manchester (4-8, 3-2 HCAC) is scheduled to host Mt. St. Joseph University at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 inside of Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Anderson fell to 8-4, 3-2 HCAC with the loss.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

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Hauptert is averaging just under 20 points per game while Winer (9.8 points) and Sweet (9.6) are scoring just under double-digits on average. Wyatt, the lone senior on Southwood’s roster, scores 7.4 points and leads the Knights at nearly six rebounds.

The Knights have only five games left in the regular season, starting with Madison-Grant at home Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Southwood then plays a three-game stretch of Three Rivers Conference games: at Whitko (Jan. 15), home vs. Maconaquah (Jan. 18) and at Tippecanoe Valley (Jan. 22), before finish the season at home against Southern Wells on Jan. 26.

Southwood is 2-4 in the TRC and sits seventh in the standings. Northfield, Valley and Peru all have just one loss so winning a conference championship this season won’t happen.

But after beating Northfield and Wabash on back-to-back nights (Dec. 29-30) to win the first Wabash County championship in Southwood girls’ history, the Knights are playing



Photo by Scott Hunt / Chronicle-Tribune  
Southwood’s Aleia Sweet drives to the basket in the Knights’ 60-26 win at Marion on Wednesday.

with a lot of confidence.

Norman hopes and believes his team can challenge to win a Class A sectional 53 championship in the first week of February.

“Our sectional is pretty tough. We could see Northfield again. They beat us by 11, we beat them by 11 so that’s a coin flip,” he said. “North Miami handled us pretty good early in the season. It’s a tough sectional for us.”

# Manchester women’s basketball tops rival Ravens

The Spartans are scheduled to host Mt. St. Joseph University on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women’s basketball team was able to muscle past rival Anderson University 7-1-56 in its mid-week Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) contest inside of Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The Black and Gold offense erupted in the opening minutes of the game – the Spartans jumped out to 15 to nothing lead just four minutes into the contest. Manchester shot six for seven from the field, including three for three from three-point territory to begin the game. The run was highlighted by a pair of

three-pointers by senior Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, as well as baskets by Hannah Lindsey, from Speedway, and Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School.

Anderson opened the game shooting zero for six from the floor, however, the visiting Ravens closed the quarter on a 14 to three run.

Manchester’s offense cooled in the second quarter as the Black and Gold were limited to just nine points. Anderson limited Manchester to three for 14 shooting from the floor. The Ravens would outscore MU 15 for nine in the frame to grab a narrow 29 to 27 advantage at the break.

Momentum swung back in favor of the Spartans in the third quarter as Manchester held its HCAC rival to just 30.8 percent (four for 13) shooting in the period. The

Black and Gold outscored the Ravens 18 for nine in the frame to regain control of the contest.

The Spartans came up clutch at the free throw in Wednesday’s victory over Anderson. Manchester would seal its third conference win after going 10 for 14 from the line in the four quarter. Overall, the Spartans finished 27 for 34 at the free-throw line – good for 79.4 percent.

Junior Hannah Lindsey scored a season-high and career-best 21 points against the Ravens. Lindsey finished four for 11 from the field, three for six from three-point territory and was a perfect 10 for 10 at the free-throw line. Lindsey also added six rebounds. Senior Macy Miller added 20 points after shooting 5-8 from the floor and 10 for 14 from the charity stripe. Miller added eight boards and blocked a career-high five shots. Seniors Bridget Nash, from

Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School, and Miranda Bieghler both scored in double figures with 13 points on Wednesday night. Bieghler added nine rebounds and five assists in the win.

Lexi Dellinger led Anderson with 20 points. Payton Moore added a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds for AU.

The Spartans out-rebounded Anderson 39 to 34 on Wednesday evening. The Black and Gold also converted 20 Anderson turnovers into 29 points.

Manchester improved to 6-6, 3-2 HCAC on the season. The Spartans are scheduled to host Mt. St. Joseph University at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 inside of Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Anderson fell to 5-7, 2-3 HCAC on the season.

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